

realize before you came. Well there aren't many things in that category, but there are a few, and on those few it is wise to have that definite understanding.

Now there are some things which you will think are tremendously important, but which are not in that category, and I think it is very important that you have a clear understanding in your mind of just how important they are. There will be some things which you feel it is very important the church should do things in this way. But if you had to sit down and face the decision, which is more important, to have this opportunity of service, and go ahead presenting the Word of God and reaching these people, and not have my way on this, or to have my way on this thing, but ~~p~~ ... or to say, no I won't have the opportunity. You say, No, the opportunity is worth laying aside this particular point for the time being. I mean, you may love beautiful music, just love it, and detest jangling choruses. And here is a church of people who just love jangling choruses, and have got no interest whatever in good music, or vice versa. Well, now, you come into that situation. You would like the church to follow your musical... But aren't there other things of a great deal more importance? Why should you lose your opportunity to present the gospel because of trying to give the people ~~higher~~ higher musical ideals, or lower musical ideas, which every yours are, compared to theirs, why should you -- that be a basic thing with you? Maybe you can accomplish it, but maybe in accomplishing it it is the one thing you do, and fail in a hundred other things. Isn't it better to consider that a minor thing, and adapt yourself. Paul said, to the Jews I became as a Jew, to the Barbarians as a Barbarian, to those ~~under~~ under law, I was under law, to those without law I was without law. You can ~~be~~ be sure that Paul didn't compromise on anything vital. But he used pretty strong language there, and shows that there was a mighty big area in which he was willing to go along with the attitude of people on matters which he considered were not essential, in order to get his essential message across. Well, I think it is very important to think these things through if you can. Now there will be many issues of that type that will come up that you won't even think of. You go in the church, and you just take it for granted that everybody here does this in a certain way. You take it for granted, and then you've been in there for a while, and you find that they take it for granted